

BALLS OF THE SEASON.

THE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL, THE ELKS, AND THE TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

The seventh annual children's carnival, followed by a grand ball for adults, will be given at the Academy of Music on the night of Feb. 2, under the special patronage of Gov. Cleveland. The ladies who have charge of this affair have been unremitting in their endeavors to woo popular favor. Everything almost that training and refined taste could do has been done to make this year's fête the most brilliant and picturesque of its kind that has yet been seen in this City. The children's entertainment will open with a representation of homage paid to Prince and Princess Carnival by throngs of fantastically attired little folk, under the auspices of Apollo. The latter will lead in the procession, which will include court jesters, characters from "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Lohengrin," "Carmen," and "Faust," a comic representation of the transit of Venus, the four points of the compass, Admiral Paul Jones, and Gen. Washington on horseback. The children will engage in three dances—a side-step polka, lancers, and a waltz. After the waltz the grand ball will be opened. Two orchestras, under the direction of Messrs. Ernest Neyer and C. A. Cappa, will perform the dance and promenade music, and supper will be served by Purssell. As this carnival is given in aid of the building fund of the Western Dispensary, it is hoped that the attendance and receipts will be large. This is the seventh representation in America of a children's festival under the direction of Carl Marwig. The last rehearsal took place in Irving Hall yesterday morning and was witnessed by a good-sized audience of ladies and gentlemen. Most of the expensive boxes in the Academy have been sold for the carnival, but several moderate-priced boxes are still in the market. Persons desiring to purchase boxes for this entertainment are invited to call upon Mrs. Egbert Guernsey, No. 18 West Twenty-third-street.

The sixteenth annual ball for the charity fund of the New-York Lodge of Elks will take place at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. The usual large and good-natured crowd will undoubtedly enliven the occasion. The Committee of Arrangements promise that this ball shall be in no way inferior to its annual predecessors. Preparations have been made on a liberal scale as regard decorations, music, and supper, and great care has been exercised in the sale of tickets, so that no undesirable social element may intrude itself. There will be an orchestra of 60 pieces, under the direction of Prof. Lander, and a promenade band of 40 pieces, with B. C. Bent as cornet soloist. Supper will be served in Nilsson Hall. Several of the boxes in the Academy of Music have been taken by distinguished members of the theatrical profession.

The members of the Twenty-second Regiment are quite jubilant over the encouraging prospects for their annual reception and ball which will take place next Tuesday night. The officers and members of the regiment and the Veteran Association have worked hard to make this affair a brilliant success. The decorations of the Academy of Music and Nilsson Hall will be of uncommon attractiveness, and every possible facility for social enjoyment will be afforded the guests. More than 500 invitations have been accepted by the prominent military and civic dignitaries of this and adjacent cities. Among those who will occupy boxes may be mentioned the following: Gen. Alexander Shaler and staff, Col. Josiah Porter, Col. George W. Laird, Major Simon Schafer, Col. Emmons Clark and other officers of the Seventh Regiment, Col. Crawford and staff, Capt. James A. McMicken, Col. Rodney Ward and staff, Col. George W. Robertson, Capt. F. P. Earle, Capt. George Freeman, Col. J. H. Wood, Capt. S. M. Smith, Chaplain F. W. Harris, Col. William Scott and staff, Col. E. O. Hotchkies and staff, Capt. J. S. White, and Capt. Isaac H. West.